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REMARKS

Claims 21-22, 26, 29, 47-52, 66-67, 96-97, 99, 101-103, and 108-111 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, Claims 21 and 103 are amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 21 is found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 10, lines 7-11, page 16, lines 15-19, and Claim 102. No new matter is added.

Applicants further thank Examiner Webman for the courtesies extended to their representative, Warren Zitlau, during the August 8 and 9, 2006 telephone conferences in which the above amendment to Claim 21 was discussed and given approval to place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 103 is amended to recite proper Markush format.

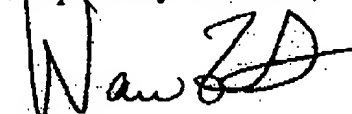
Applicants maintain that the references are improperly combinable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on July 31, 2006. Nevertheless, to advance prosecution, Claim 21 is amended to recite that the amount of hydrophobic agent is about 10% to about 70% by weight, based upon the weight of the at least one plasticizable matrix material. This range is not taught or suggested by the cited references.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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